

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANFORD  
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

The City Council met at the Sanford Municipal Center, 225 E. Weatherspoon Street, on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. The following people were present:

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stone  
Council Member Charles Taylor  
Council Member Sam Gaskins  
City Manager Hal Hegwer  
City Clerk Bonnie D. White

Council Member James G. Williams  
Council Member Walter H. McNeil, Jr.  
Council Member L. I. (Poly) Cohen  
City Attorney Susan C. Patterson

Absent:

Mayor Cornelia P. Olive  
Council Member Linwood S. Mann, Sr.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stone called the meeting to order. Council Member James Williams delivered the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No citizens signed up to speak.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

City Manager Hal Hegwer requested to add a Closed Session under Item 10A. - Other Business. On motion of Council Member L. I. (Poly) Cohen, seconded by Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., the amended agenda was approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of January 5, 2010, City Council Minutes – (Filed in Minute Book 73)

Approval of January 13, 2010, Special Meeting of the City Council – (Filed in Minute Book 73)

Approval of January 19, 2010, City Council Meeting – (Filed in Minute Book 73)

The consent agenda items were approved upon motion of Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr. Seconded by Council Member James Williams, the motion carried unanimously.

**DECISIONS ON PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Petition by Patrick J. Theismann of Beacon Management Corporation - to rezone 8.5 acres+/, which is comprised of five tracts of land, one of which is vacant and the others being addressed as 2107, 2111, 2113 and 2201 Woodland Avenue, from the current Residential-Mixed (R-12) Zoning District to Covington Place Elderly Housing Conditional Zoning District. The property is the same as depicted on Tax Map 9652.18, as Tax Parcels 9652-32-2400, 9652-32-2185, 9652-32-5208, 9652-32-4087 and 9652-31-3940 Lee County Land Records.- (Exhibit A)

Community Development Director Bob Bridwell advised that a public hearing was held last month to consider the rezoning of 8.5 acres from Residential Mixed (R-12) Zoning District to Covington Place Elderly Housing Conditional Zoning District located on Woodland Avenue. The Planning Board met and discussed this petition and recommended unanimously to approve the rezoning request as presented.

- Consider Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Sanford, North Carolina – (Exhibit B)  
Council Member Samuel Gaskins made the motion to adopt the Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Sanford, North Carolina. Seconded by Council Member L. I. (Poly) Cohen, the motion carried unanimously.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

Consider Resolution of the Sanford City Council in Support of Increased Enforcement Against Perpetrators of Violent Crimes by the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney – (Exhibit C)

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stone stated that this was brought up last week and this is a resolution from the City Council to be sent to District Attorney Susan Doyle to state that we have tremendous amounts of violent crimes and we would like some action.

Council Member L. I. (Poly) Cohen made the motion to adopt the Resolution of the Sanford City Council in Support of Increased Enforcement Against Perpetrators of Violent Crimes by the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney. Council Member Charles Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stone said that for the record, he would like for it to be considered by the County for approval as well; he felt it would make a stronger case if both the City and County would send a resolution to District Attorney Susan Doyle.

**ALL EXHIBITS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Samuel Gaskins wished Mayor Olive best wishes for a speedy recovery and Happy Birthday as today is Mayor Olive's birthday.

Council Member Charles Taylor referred to some information given to him regarding a breakdown on the incidents report from the Fire Department. Mr. Taylor made mention of another half-day retreat to take up some issues including the skatepark and golf course.

Mr. Taylor complimented staff on the ribbon cutting for the Endor Iron Furnace Trail Greenway.

Mayor Pro Tem Stone asked City Manager Hal Hegwer to get back with council members this Thursday or Friday with a date for the half-day retreat. He told council to let Mr. Hegwer know of any items that need to be discussed. Mr. Hegwer advised that he will try to schedule the half-day retreat toward the end of this month.

Street Superintendent Magda Holloway gave an update on the snow removal process. She said that they started on Friday night at 10 P.M. and concluded their operations on Sunday at 9 P.M. They also continued on Monday and Tuesday with snow control. Twenty-seven people worked and they tried to change their efforts based on the conditions they faced throughout this particular event. They had temperature changes and element changes from snow to sleet to ice. Freezing temperatures made it difficult to get to certain areas. Conditions were hard to plow when it froze and also made it hard for the trucks to get there because the roads were so slick. They made it around the city two and one-half times; made 133 miles of city streets they maintain with one pass, two and one-half times. It typically takes 8 to 12 hours to make the pass; however, with this event it took one day and a half to get through. Morale was very high with the group and they were very proud of what they achieved. They used three backhoes, a motor grader, six plows, and one salt truck. They used 55 tons of salt and 90 tons of sand. She thanked the public for staying off the streets and allowing them to do their job safely and effectively.

Mayor Pro Tem Stone thanked Mrs. Holloway and her department for their hard work and determination on behalf of the Council and the citizens.

**CONSIDER CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Susan Patterson stated that Council needs to go into closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (1) and (3) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of the state, and to consult with an attorney employed and retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege.

Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr., made the motion to go into closed session as stated by City Attorney Susan Patterson. Seconded by Council Member Charles Taylor, the motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr.; seconded by Council Member L. I. (Poly) Cohen, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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MIKE STONE, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

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BONNIE D. WHITE, CITY CLERK

